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# New Classrooms for Uzbek Children



***20,000 Children Will Benefit from USAID-Sponsored School Improvements in Uzbekistan***

***Local community joined USAID's effort to repair schools.***

*Photo: PEAKS*

In September 2005, over 20,000 children in Uzbekistan started their school-year in schools renovated by USAID. Through the summer, the USAID Participation Education and Knowledge Strengthening (PEAKS) Program helped repair 29 schools in the regions of Khorezm, Ferghana, Karakalpakstan, and Tashkent. The work included repairing floors, roofs, bathrooms, and the replacement of doors and glazing. Many schools have also been winter-proofed to decrease the rate of the student drop-outs during the winter season.

The effort was actively supported by the local communities, which provided labor, lunches for hired workers, and transportation of construction materials. The cost-share was valued at 15% or more of each repair budget.